SRI A. R. BADARINARAYANA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) 97,612

(*b*)

	Scheduled Castes 5,180	*Scheduled Tribes* 307	
	Scheduled Castes	*Scheduled Tribes*	*Total*
(*c*) (i) At Villages	3,653	272	3,925
(ii) taluka places and other Urban places.	788	22	810
(iii) At District Head Quarters	739	13	752
Total	5,180	307	5,487

PROMOTION OF OFFICERS OF BACKWARD AND MINORITY COMMUNITIES

108. SRI K. R. SRINIVASALU NAYUDU (Shanthinagar).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names of officers belonging to backward and other minority communities holding class I and class II posts (Districtwise figures to be furnished),

(*b*) whether officers of backward and other minority communities holding Class I (Junior scales) and Class II posts are overlocked for promotion to Class I to Class I (Senior scales),

(*c*) if so, whether protection would be given to safeguard their interest?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Such information is not maintained, This is in keeping with the need for building up a casteless Society,

(*b*) and (*c*) Promotions are determined on the basis of seniority-*cum*-merit or promotions are made by selection depending upon the stipulations in the relevant Cadre and Recruitment Rules. Inefficient and unsuitable officers are overlooked for promotions irrespective of the caste or community to which they belong.

In the case of Officers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Tribes a decision to overlook them for promotion is required to be taken at the level of the Minister of the Department Concerned.